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Governor Palin, Lt. Governor Parnell:

I have had some long talks with several different medical providers including Cathy Giessel, Deb Kiley, Dr. Gower (Alaska State Medical Association President), Dr, George Rhyneer Sr, Alaska Physicians and Surgeons members, and others all around the state about state related medical issues. It was also very enlightening being a member of the DHSS transition team and listening intently to each of the members while taking copious notes. I, and most others, agree that there should be a health care council or board to help guide the administration. There is a real problem, however, with career theorists outlining what should be done.

There absolutley needs to be a balance between career medical theorists fighting for grant money and sometimes pushing ideas that are naive and dated, at best, with people who actually practice different aspects of medicine. I was both impressed with the background knowledge and abilities of many of the DHSS transition team as well as shocked at some absolutely misleading assumptions and lack of medical expertise. There were political agendas, well stated, that would absolutely have no impact on providing help to the underserved but would serve as an ongoing funding source for grants and power. This was worrisome to me and demonstrated the absolute need to have more clinician input which is not possible when "health care" meetings are scheduled during clinicians working hours by career panelists who can carry on their agendas unimpeded.

I have talked to several people who would gladly volunteer their time on a board that would help the people of the state rather than wonder like most of the clinicians "where does all of this stuff come from?" This would include:

Dr. David Head, Nome
Jason Harmon, N.D., Doctor of Naturopathy to express that perspective
Jean Tsigonis, M.D., from Fairbanks and on the State Medical Board
Larry Stinson, M.D., myself with practices in the Valley, Fairbanks, and Anchorage
Victor Bartling, D.O., an outstanding Family Practitioner from Fairbanks
George Rhyneer, Sr., M.D., Anchorage Cardiologist
Roland Gower, M.D., Anchorage Surgeon and current ASMA President
Cathy Giessel, R.N., A.N.P. who I would support as Board Chairperson, she did a fine on the
DHSS transition team
Dan Kiley, DDS, Anchorage Dentist with alot of experience on boards
Elizabeth Turgeon, M.D., Wasilla Family Practitioner who also used to practice in Cordova
Melissa Peters, D.O., Wasilla Family Practioner with a strong committment to patient advocacy
John Mitchell, C.R.N.A. from ANMC
Adrian Ryan, M.D., an Inupiaq Orthopedic Surgeon who works in Anchorage but runs clinics also in
the Nome area.

Ideally we would also pick up representation from the Kenai and Southeast including Chiropractors and physical therapists. I can get these additional recommendations if you are

interested.

There absolutely needs to be a balance so that agendas that have led to years of stagnation and inflated costs can be debated and changed.

Sincerely,
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From: Sarah Palin [govpalin@yahoo.com]

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To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Privileged or Person; Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Charles Fedullo; Martha K Rutherford; Monegan; Walt C (DPS); Joseph D Schmidt; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Spencer; Kari L (GOV); Talis Colberg; leaddog@acsalaska.net; Notti; Emil R (CED); Patrick S Galvin; Bruce Anders; Jackson; Karleen K (HSS); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA); Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)

Subject: Speaking from Departments

Good morning all:

There was a quip in this morning's ADN re: a "ban" from me on anyone voicing their opinions on matters before us. The 'Ear wrote of my supposed instruction to not allow cabinet members/staff to take positions on some issues.

Since this is totally false, and leaves me at a loss as to how a reporter would have ever received word of something that is the opposite of what I've expressed to all of you, I'll clarify again what has already been expressed by me as my desire to see you all have the freedom to communicate with the public and press in any and all manner you deem appropriate. The goal is for the public to be able to trust that our administration is transparent and trustworthy, so you all personally communicating views and opinions is very important and would NEVER be banned.

I have NEVER banned any of our team members from voicing opinions on anything. In fact, I've stated that the more information and communication efforts put forth on behalf of your departments and divisions, the better. I've asked that you all share your opinions, speak freely to press, public, legislators, one another, etc. (In other words, don't do what past administrations have done. I have faith that we're on the right path going a new direction here with freedom in information sharing... Alaskans deserve better than the tried and failed efforts of past administrations' withholding information and expressed opinions by decisions makers.)

I will write to the 'Ear reporter and clarify for her also.

Kari - would you please send to all Commissioners? I don't have some new addresses here.

Thank you!

Also, last night's Valley ball was lots of fun. At the event we got to wish Happy 25th Anniversary to Talis Colberg!!!

The Lt. Governor and I are off to Kodiak today. Then Hooper Bay tomorrow.

Thanks for everything, everyone! I appreciate you all very much and look forward to more cabinet meetings where we're all together in one room. It will be great to have Leo on board at DOT next week. Let's make the next swearing-in ceremony of our new Commissioners a great event and let's try for a cabinet lunch/dinner afterwards.

Bitney - remember to invite the different groups of Legislators for lunches/dinners this week and next. The more the merrier. Thanks for working with Kari and Erika on this.

Have a great Sunday, I'll see most of you on Tuesday.
Sarah